

Providence. Oct 22. 1850.

Dear Sir

I thank you for your candid letter, which I will answer as candidly - It pains me to find that all we say & do for a good cause is seemingly counteracted by an attempt at discrimination or even ^{at times} honest expression. You would naturally infer, from receiving ^{at times} both ~~these~~ accounts of my card at Bristol, that I took pains to give unfavorable impressions of the Anti-Slavery party here; whereas nothing was farther from my intention, or the fact so far as I can recall the little that was said about it. Still I can recall enough of my conversation with Miss Carpenter, to see how the impression may have been taken.

Miss C asked me about the Anti-Slavery Bazaar in Boston. I told her I had always felt an interest in it, had induced my wife (who did not need much urging) to contribute something two or three years to the "Liberty Bell"; but that ~~we~~ ^{she} had lately heard that one great object of the Fair, was to employ agents who lectured on the Sabbath as well as on other days, during the usual hours of service; & sometimes against the usual observance of the Sabbath. That if this was true, ~~then~~ ^{then} ~~it~~ ^{she} ~~could~~ ^{could} not conscientiously contribute for such a purpose. I may also have mentioned, tho I do not remember it, the fact that ~~as~~ ⁱⁿ my mind certainly, that you yourself, & some other, held abolition meetings at least once in Providence, as

the Sabbath, as I was told at the time, I think by
the Rays among others - tho I was not told anything, &
have never said anything, as to the character of those meetings,^{here}
on your part, or in reference to the Sabbath. Not you appointed
the agents, I never said nor supposed.

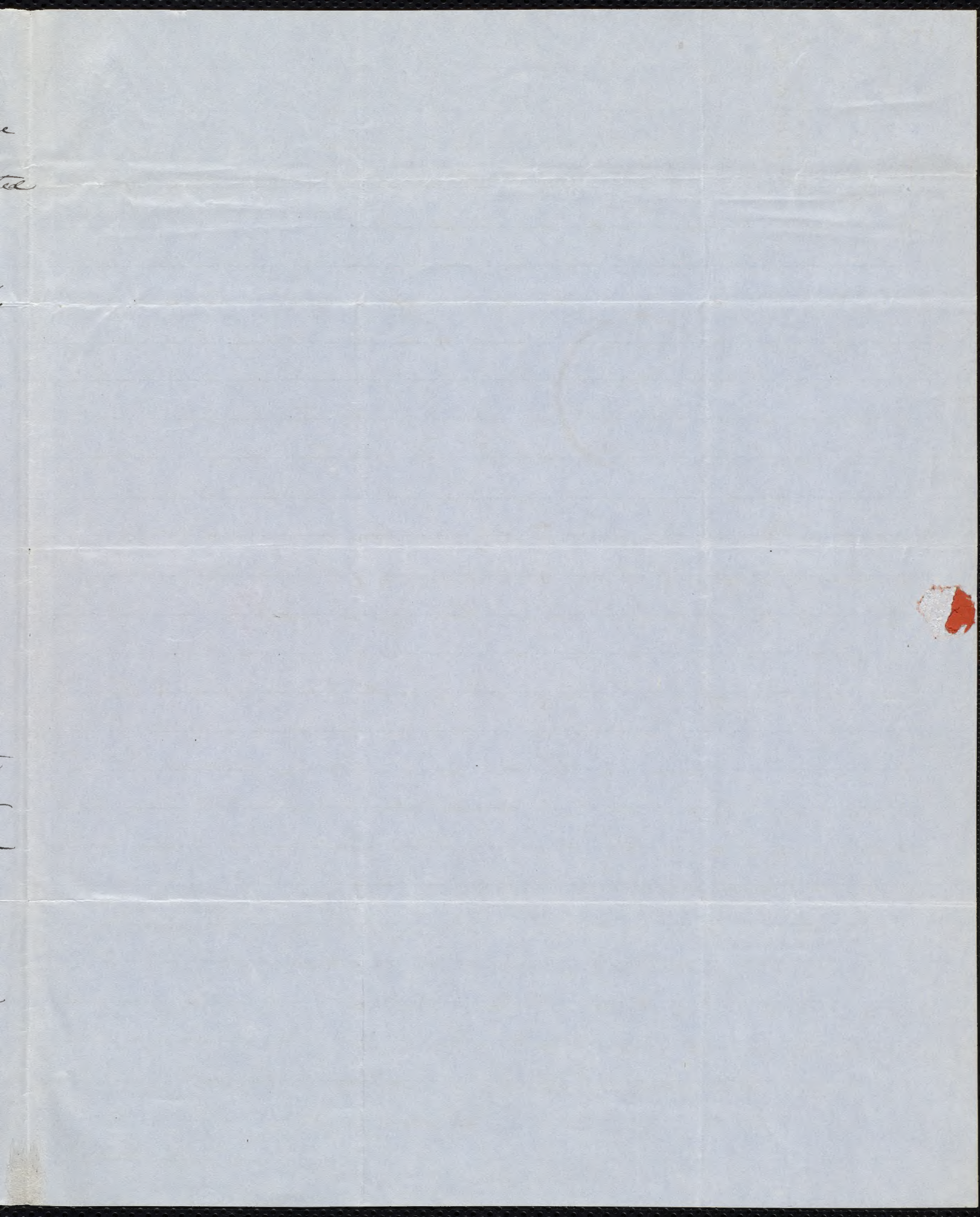
The above is all that passed on the subject. Mr
Armstrong's words about the "whole-Sof disciples of the Liberator",
are his own, & such as I never use nor desire to hear.
Nor have I ever supposed that you yourself was an "anti-
Sabbatarian"; or that that was prevailing the character of
such meetings on the Sabbath - tho on other days I have
myself heard enough of it. The fact of abolition meetings
being held on the Sabbath, during the common hour of
service, I supposed to be well-known; having seen in
the anti-slavery papers notices that such meetings would
be held, having heard in some places, as in Worcester,
regrets & complaints from our friends in regard to them.

In public I had no occasion to refer to
the subject of Slavery in Bristol; except that in addressing the
children of the S. School, I confessed & lamented our great
American sin in this respect, & told for much many noble
men & women are doing to remove it -

I trust there will be no reason for giving publicity to this matter, &
I have no love of notoriety, particularly in seeming opposition to a
cause which I have deeply at heart, & which if I really injured
would cause me sore regret. Please tell me, if now or at
any time, that which I do say is untrue or unjust.

Sincerely yours

E. B. Hall.



- spoken plainly, but not
disrespectfully, for that has not
been in me
1. ~~publicly~~
2. copy to be sent to B.
3. Will he write!

from pro-slavery men
we expect them things



Rev. Samuel May
Leicester
Mass:



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